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Chairman Hal Rogers
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and
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U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Matt Cartwright Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies U.S. House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright:

I am requesting funding for Dublin Police Services' Behavioral Health Unit project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Dublin, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568.

The funding would be used to support the hiring of an additional clinician for the Dublin Police Services Behavioral Health Unit (BHU). The Behavioral Health Unit is a division of Dublin Police Services and is staffed by licensed therapists dedicated to working with youth, children, adults, couples, and families on immediate mental health related issues.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project has helped Dublin Police Services reduce the number of repeat calls for service from high volume/repeat users needing Behavioral Health services. In addition, the BHU has been able to increase officers' ability to link residents to Behavioral Health services, both in real time and in response to referrals. The BHU has been able to make demonstrable and important impacts in the lives of residents ranging from providing Behavioral Health Services to a family who lost a loved one in a fire, to successfully linking an unhoused individual to permanent housing. The BHU serves as a model of good community policing.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Wellinger

Member of Congress